

that vow, which was made at the font, in a short intelligible manner.

It is a necessary piece of providence in the institution of our children, to train them up to somewhat in their youth, that may honestly entertain them in their age.

His learning was not the effect of precept or institution.

INSTITUTIONARY. *adj.* [from *institution*.] Elemental; containing the first doctrines, or principles of doctrine.

That it was not out of fashion Aristotle declareth in his politics, among the *institutionary* rules of youth.

1. An establisher; one who settles.

INSTITUTOR. *n. f.* [from *institut*, Fr. *instituteur*, Latin.]

It might have succeeded a little better, if it had pleased the *institutors* of the civil months of the sun to have ordered them alternately odd and even.

2. Instructor; educator.

The two great aims which every *instituteur* of youth should mainly and intentionally drive at.

INSTITUTIST. *n. f.* [from *institute*.] Writer of institutes, or elemental instructions.

Green gall the *institute* would persuade us to be an effect of an over-hot stomach.

To INSTRUCT. *v. a.* [in *instru*, Latin; *instruire*, French.]

To educate; to instruct; to inform; to direct.

With boiling pitch another near at hand.

The seams *instruct*.

1. To teach; to form by precept; to inform authoritatively; to educate; to instruct; to direct.

Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might *instruct* thee.

His God doth *instruct* him to discretion, and doth teach him.

They that were *instructed* in the songs of the Lord were two hundred fourscore and eight.

These are the things wherein Solomon was *instructed* for building of the house of God.

Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *instructed* about the song, because he was skilful.

Thou approvest the things that are more excellent, being *instructed* out of the law.

*Instruct* me, for thou knowest.

He ever by consulting at thy shrine

Return'd the wiser, or the more *instruct*

To fly or follow what concern'd him most.

2. To model; to form. Little in use.

They speak to the merits of a cause, after the professor has prepared and *instructed* the same for a hearing before the judge.

INSTRUCTOR. *n. f.* [from *instru*, Latin; *instruere*, French.]

A teacher; an instructor; one who delivers precepts or imparts knowledge.

You have ten thousand *instructors* in Christ.

The father of the faithful there did dwell,

Who both their parent and *instructor* was.

O thou, who future things can't represent

As present, heav'nly *instructor*!

Poets, the first *instructors* of mankind,

Brought all things to their native proper use.

They see how they are beset on every side, not only with temptations, but *instructors* to vice.

We have precepts of duty given us by our *instructors*.

Several *instructors* were disposed among this little helpless people.

INSTRUCTION. *n. f.* [from *instruere*, French; from *instruere*, Latin.]

1. The act of teaching; information.

Not by your own *instruction*, nor by any matter

Which your heart prompts you to, but with such words

As are beheld to judicious writers of all ages, for those

discoveries and discourses they have left behind them for our

*instruction*.

2. Precepts conveying knowledge.

Will ye not receive *instruction* to hearken to receive my words?

On ev'ry thorn delightful wisdom grows,

In ev'ry stream a sweet *instruction* flows;

But some untaught o'erhear the whispering rill,

In spite of sacred leisure, blockheads still.

3. Authoritative information; mandate.

See this dispatch with all the haste thou canst;

Anon I'll give thee more *instruction*.

INSTRUCTIVE. *adj.* [from *instruere*, French; from *instruere*, Latin.]

Conveying knowledge.

With variety of *instructive* expressions by speech man

alone is endowed.

I would not laugh but in order to instruct; or if my mirth

ceases to be *instructive*, it shall never cease to be innocent.

INSTRUMENT. *n. f.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

1. A tool used for any work or purpose.

If he smite him with an *instrument* of iron, so that he die,

he is a murderer.

What artificial frame, what *instrument*,

Did one superior genius e'er invent;

Which to the muscles is preferred.

Box is a wood useful for turners and *instrument* makers.

2. A frame constructed so as to yield harmonious sounds.

He that striketh an *instrument* with skill, may cause not-

withstanding a very pleasant sound, if the string whereon he

strikes chance to be capable of harmony.

She taketh most delight

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In solitary groves he makes his moan,

Nor, mix'd in mirth, in youthful pleasure shares,

But sighs when fongs and *instruments* he hears.

3. A writing containing any contract or order.

He called Edna his wife, and took paper, and did write

an *instrument* of covenant, and sealed it.

4. The agent or mean of any thing. It is used of persons as

well as things, but of persons very often in an ill sense.

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If, haply, you my father do suspect,

An *instrument* of this your calling back,

Lay not your blame on me.

All voluntary self-denials and austerities which Christianity

commends become necessary, not simply for themselves, but

as *instruments* towards a higher end.

Reputation is the smallest sacrifice those can make us, who

have been the *instruments* of our ruin.

There is one thing to be considered concerning reason,

whether syllogism be the proper *instrument* of it, and the use-

fullest way of exercising this faculty.

5. One who acts only to serve the purposes of another.

He scarcely knew what was done in his own chamber, but

as it pleased her *instruments* to frame themselves.

All the *instruments* which aided to expose the child, were

even then lost when it was found.

In benefits as well as injuries, it is the principal that we

are to consider, not the *instrument* that which a man does

by another, is in truth his own act.

The bold are but the *instruments* of the wife,

They undertake the dangers they advise.

INSTRUMENTAL. *adj.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

1. Conducive as means to some end; organical.

All second and *instrumental* causes, without that operative

faculty which God gave them, would become altogether

silent, virtuous, and dead.

Prayer, which is *instrumental* to every thing, hath a particu-

lar promise in this thing.

It is not an essential part of religion, but rather an auxi-

liary and *instrumental* duty.

I discern some excellent final causes of conjunction of body

and soul; but the *instrumental* I know not, nor what invisi-

ble bands and fetters unite them together.

2. Acting to some end; contributing to some purpose; helpful:

used of persons and things.

The presbyterian merit is of little weight, when they

allege themselves *instrumental* towards the reformation.

3. Consisting not of voices but instruments.

They which, under pretence of the law ceremonial abro-

gated, require the abrogation of *instrumental* music, ap-

proving nevertheless the use of vocal melody to remain, must

show some reason, wherefore the one should be thought a

legal ceremony and not the other.

4. Produced by instruments; not vocal.

Off in bands,

While they keep watch, or nightly rounding walk,

With heav'nly touch of *instrumental* sounds

In full harmonious number join'd, their fongs

Divide the night, and lift our thoughts to heav'n.

Sweet voices, mix'd with *instrumental* sounds,

Ascend the vaulted roof, the vaulted roof rebounds.

INSTRUMENTALITY. *n. f.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

Subordinate

agency; agency of any thing as means to an end.

Those natural and involuntary actions are not done by de-

liberation and formal command, yet they are done by the

virtue, energy, and influx of the soul, and the *instrumental*

ity of the spirits.

INSTRUMENTALLY. *adv.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

In the nature

of an instrument; as means to an end.

Mens well-being here in this life is but *instrumentally* good,

as being the means for him to be well in the next life.

Habitual preparation for the sacrament consists in a stand-

ing, permanent habit, or principle of holiness, wrought chiefly

by

by God's spirit, and *instrumentally* by his words, in the heart

or soul of man.

INSTRUMENTALNESS. *n. f.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

Usefulness as

means to an end.

The *instrumentalness* of riches to works of charity, has

rendered it very political, in every Christian commonwealth,

by laws to settle and secure propriety.

INSTRUMENTAL. *adj.* [in and *instrumentum*, Latin.]

1. Intolerable; insupportable; intense beyond endurance.

The one is oppressed with constant heat, the other with

*instrumental* cold.

Though great light be *instrumental* to our eyes, yet the

highest degree of darkness does not at all disease them; be-

cause that causing no disorderly motion, leaves that curious

organ unharmed.

2. Detestable; contemptible.

A multitude of scribblers, who daily pester the world with

their *instrumental* stuff, should be discouraged from writing any

more.

INSTRUMENTALLY. *adv.* [from *instrumentum*, Latin.]

To a degree beyond

endurance.

Those heav'nly shapes

Will dazzle now this earthly, with their blaze

Insufferably bright.

There is no person remarkably ungrateful, who was not

also *instrumentally* proud.

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